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From: Stanislaus, Mathy
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 6:06:57 PM
Subject: text we discussed

This is to reaffirm the note send below from David Ostrander, Incident Commander UAC, to ensure the data process is done exclusively through UAC. We are still seeing a lack of consistence adherence to this process. This morning we heard about a number of issues pertaining to sediment data, but not through the process through UAC. All response operations, especially data related issues, must be worked through the existing command structure. The regions must work through their regional EOCs to the Area Command and then over to the HQ EOC, as needed. Communications outside of this framework cause confusion and may result in decisions being made without full vetting with all components in UAC and in HQ through HQ EOC. We are all aware of the sensitivities of these issues and we have no room for mistakes. Please be sure to use the existing channels going forward.

From: "Ostrander, David" <Ostrander.David@epa.gov>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 2:36:34 PM MDT
To: "Crossland, Ronnie" <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>, "Allen, HarryL" <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>
Cc: "Ruhl, Christopher" <Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Data Analysis Process

Here is the process for managing data. This will help expedite although it puts a lot on each incident command. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cheatham, Reggie" <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 6:38:11 PM MDT
To: "Ostrander, David" <Ostrander.David@epa.gov>
Cc: "Ruhl, Christopher" <Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov>, "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>
Subject: Data Analysis Process

Dave this is the message that Mathy want operationalized with everyone working this response and connected to UAC. Call if we need to discuss. Formally get this out under your authority.

Thanks

Process to analyze data:

As agreed to by HQ EOC, UAC, Regions 6, 8 and 9, the regional EOC environmental units (EU) will follow the data format used during the Deepwater Horizon response (since staff were also involved in that response, this format will be familiar to them) and will conduct validation on data collected and analyzed during the response. The process will be expedited for data validation by having each environmental unit in each of regional EOCs validate and then send such data with interpretations to UAC simultaneous with HQ EOC. UAC would review the data and interpretation with all participants in UAC, HQ EOC would simultaneously review the data and work with UAC on final interpretation. ORD is engaged in this process. Messaging would be developed through PIO working in coordination with PIO in HQ EOC. Once completed data and interpretation/messaging would be conveyed through UAC. Data displays for key chemicals of concern, GIS overlays, and a color coding chart will be part of the data packages. The UAC PIO will post the data on the EPA Gold King Mine website. Notification prior to posting will be made via the UAC to States, Tribes, and congressional contacts and the HQ EOC. Trending messages will also be developed once there is sufficient data for the analysis.